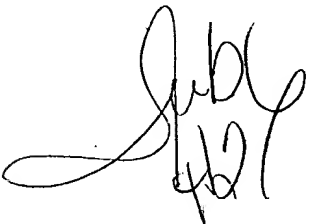


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:



~~1-18. (previously cancelled).~~

19-25. (cancelled).

26. (previously cancelled).

27-29. (cancelled).

30. (new) A radio frequency identification device, comprising:
an elongated and disposable flexible strap having first and second opposite ends;

securement means removably connected to said strap for supporting and retaining said strap in a closed loop configuration encircling an object or an individual to be identified; and

a radio frequency identification circuit carried by said securement means;

said securement means with said radio frequency identification circuit carried thereby being removable from said strap prior to disposal of said strap, and being adapted for subsequent assembly and re-use with a replacement strap.

~~31. (new) The radio frequency identification device of claim 30 wherein said strap comprises a wristband.~~

32. (new) The radio frequency identification device of claim 30 wherein said radio frequency identification circuit is embedded within said securement means.

33. (new) The radio frequency identification device of claim 30 further including an antenna carried by said strap, and contact means for electrically connecting said antenna with said radio frequency identification circuit when said securement means is connected to said strap.

34. (new) The radio frequency identification device of claim 30 wherein said securement means and said strap first end include cooperatively engageable connector means for removably attaching said strap first end to said securement means, said securement means further defining an opening extending therethrough for slide-fit passage of said strap second end.

35. (new) The radio frequency identification device of claim 30 wherein said strap defines a pair of openings formed respectively at said first and second ends thereof, and further wherein said securement means defines first and second opposite extremities each having a size and shape for interference fit reception respectively into said openings at said strap first and second ends.

36. (new) The radio frequency identification device of claim 35 further including an antenna carried by said strap generally at said first end thereof

for electrical connection with said radio frequency identification circuit when said first extremity of said securement means is received into the opening at said strap first end, said strap including indicia identifying said strap first end.

37. (new) The radio frequency identification device of claim 35 wherein said strap comprises an elongated tubular band.

38. (new) A radio frequency identification device, comprising:
an elongated and disposable flexible strap having first and second opposite ends;

securement means removably connected to said strap for supporting and retaining said strap in a closed loop configuration encircling an object or an individual to be identified;

said securement means and said strap first end including cooperatively engageable connector means for removably attaching said strap first end to said securement means, said securement means further defining an opening extending therethrough for slide-fit passage of said strap second end; and

a radio frequency identification circuit carried by said securement means;

said securement means with said radio frequency identification circuit carried thereby being removable from said strap prior to disposal of said strap, and being adapted for subsequent assembly and re-use with a replacement strap.

~~39. (new) The radio frequency identification device of claim 38 wherein said strap comprises a wristband.~~

~~40. (new) The radio frequency identification device of claim 38 further including an antenna carried by said strap, and contact means for electrically connecting said antenna with said radio frequency identification circuit when said securement means is connected to said strap.~~

41. (new) A radio frequency identification device, comprising:

an elongated and disposable flexible strap having first and second opposite ends, strap defining a pair of openings formed respectively at said first and second ends thereof;

securement means removably connected to said strap for supporting and retaining said strap in a closed loop configuration encircling an object or an individual to be identified, said securement means defining first and second opposite extremities each having a size and shape for interference fit reception respectively into said openings at said strap first and second ends; and

a radio frequency identification circuit carried by said securement means;

said securement means with said radio frequency identification circuit carried thereby being removable from said strap prior to disposal of said strap, and being adapted for subsequent assembly and re-use with a replacement strap.

~~42. (new) The radio frequency identification device of claim 41 wherein said strap comprises a wristband.~~

43. (new) The radio frequency identification device of claim 41 further including an antenna carried by said strap generally at said first end thereof for electrical connection with said radio frequency identification circuit when said first extremity of said securement means is received into the opening at said strap first end, said strap including indicia identifying said strap first end.

44. (new) The radio frequency identification device of claim 41 wherein said strap comprises an elongated tubular band.
